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Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Cribben 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne)

Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Cribben, a Special Forces communications sergeant assigned to 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), was killed by small arms fire during a combat patrol, Nov. 4, 2017, in Logar Province, Afghanistan.

Cribben was born Jan. 27, 1984, in Rawlins, Wyoming. He began his military service Nov. 20, 2002, as a military police officer. He attended One Station Unit Training, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

He served with the 55th Military Police Company, Camp Page, Korea, from 2003 to 2004; the 716th Military Police Battalion from 2004 to 2010; and the U.S. Army Garrison, Baumholder Provost Marshal Office from 2010 to 2011.



In November 2011, Cribben attended Special Forces Assessment and Selection, and was selected to attend the Special Forces Qualification Course. He graduated SFQC in December 2014 and was assigned to 10th SFG (A), Fort Carson, Colorado, where he served in the positions of Special Operations Command Forward-North West Africa future plans noncommissioned officer and as senior communications sergeant for a Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha.

Cribben deployed three times with the 716th Military Police Battalion Egypt in support of Bright Star in 2005, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2006, and Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007. In 2017, he deployed to Afghanistan with 2nd Battalion, 10th SFG (A).

Cribben's military education includes Military Police Advanced Individual Training, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Pathfinder School, Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Course, Basic Leader Course, Advanced Leader Course, Senior Leader Course, French Special Operations Language Course, Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape High Risk Course, Communications Sergeant Course, Special Warfare Operational Design Course, Special Forces Advanced Urban Combat Course, Advanced Special Operations Techniques Level II, and Static Line Jumpmaster Course.

Cribben's awards and decorations include the Silver Star Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (8 OLC), Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal (5), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (3), NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, Special Forces Tab, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Pathfinder Badge.

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